

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--This invention relates to a ~~A connector~~ ~~for~~ connecting a dialysate port ~~(31)~~ of a ~~hemodialysis machine dialyzer~~ with a dialysate-carrying line and a dialyzer. The ~~inventive~~ connector ~~(1)~~ has a recess ~~(6, 6')~~ with a shift element ~~(3)~~ on the end ~~(4)~~ which accommodates the ~~hemodialysis machine dialyzer~~ port. The ~~(31)~~, whereby the shift element ~~(3)~~ is accommodated in the recess and is displaceable between a first position and a second position perpendicular to the direction of the lumen ~~(8)~~ on ~~this~~ the first end ~~(4)~~. The shift element ~~(3)~~ does not pass through the lumen ~~(8)~~ in the first position. In the ~~first~~ second position, the lumen ~~(8)~~ is constricted so that the connector ~~(1)~~ with the shift element ~~(3)~~ can be placed on the dialysate port ~~(31)~~, and ~~in the second position it can be~~ connector locked on the dialysate port ~~(31)~~ by means of an undercut ~~(30)~~ thereon. ~~The~~ ~~inventive~~ connector is suitable for production as a disposable item in comparison with the widely used Hansen coupling. At the same time, a simple and reliable connection of a dialysate-carrying line to a dialysate port of a hemodialysis machine is possible, and does not require

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~~any structural measures on the dialysis machine itself. (FIG. 3b)~~